Statement-II

Sector-wise release of NEC funds during the Tenth Five year Plan (2002-2007)

(Rs. in Lakh)

SI. N	Sector	No. of Schemes	Amount Released
1.	Agriculture & Allied	9	776.76
2.	Power and Renewable Resources Energy	5	675.44
3.	Water Resources	6	722.19
4.	Industries & Tourism	4	98.30
5.	Transport & Communication	4	17299.10
6.	Health	4	492.56
7.	Manpower	3	299.75
	TOTAL:	35	20364.10

Ganga Highway Project

†218. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased testate:

(a) whether Government has cleared Ganga Highway Project of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any protest on it;

(c) whether ground of protest is based on environment; and

(d) whether his Ministry has examined it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO N ARAIN MEENA): (a) As per Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the projects falling under category 'B' are apprised by the State level Environmental Appraisal Committee and a decision is taken by the State Environmental Impact Assessment authority (SEIAA). For Uttar Pradesh(UP), the SEIAA has been constituted, who has accorded environmental clearance to Ganga Expressway Project in August, 2007 after following necessary procedure including public hearing.

(b) to (d) As per the information furnished by SEIAA, UP, representations have been received by the them for the project, in which issues such as intensification of sedimentation of Ganga river, impact on bio-diversity, reduction in the flow have been raised. Further, Project proponents have been asked by the Secretariat of SEIAA, UP to carry out comprehensive environmental impact assessment and make necessary changes incorporating the environment issues.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.